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Draft report

Chapter ___. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 16 April 1999. The Committee held __ meetings (1st to ___) and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

3. In accordance with paragraph 15 of annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the Committee comprised two sub-groups, one on energy and one on water resources. The Sub-group on Energy held ___ meetings and the Sub-group on Water Resources held ___ meetings.

B. Membership and attendance

4. Twenty-three members of the Committee attended the first session: Adam Edow Adawa (Kenya), Carlos Alberto Aguilar Molina (El Salvador), Messaoud Boumaour (Algeria), Hernan Bravo Trejos (Costa Rica), Dmytro Victorovych Derogan (Ukraine), Bernard Devin (France), Malin Falkenmark (Sweden), Siripong Hungspreug (Thailand), Jon Ingimarsson (Iceland), Ahmad Kahrobaian (Islamic Republic of Iran), Badr Kasme (Syrian Arab Republic), Christian M. Katsande (Zimbabwe), Owen Macdonald Kankhulungo (Malawi), Markku Juhani Mäkelä (Finland), John Michael Matuszak (United States of America), Wafik Meshref (Egypt), Sergey M. Natalchuk (Russian Federation), Ainun Nishat (Bangladesh), Neculai Pavlovschi (Romania), Eddy Kofi Smith (Ghana), Wilhelmus C. Turkenburg (Netherlands), Raymond Marcio Wright (Jamaica) and Zhang Guocheng (China).

5. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Kazakhstan, Malawi, Republic of Korea and Zimbabwe.

6. The Regional Commissions New York Office was represented.

7. The following United Nations bodies and specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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8. The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, was represented.

C. Election of officers

9. At its 1st meeting, on 5 April, the Committee elected Mr. Christian M. Katsande (Zimbabwe) as Chairman by acclamation.

10. At its 2nd meeting, on 5 April, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Vice-Chairmen:

Mr. Owen Macdonald Kankhulungo (Malawi)
Mr. John M. Matuszak (United States of America)
Mr. Wafik Meshref (Egypt)
Mr. Wilhelmus C. Turkenburg (Netherlands)

11. Also at the 2nd meeting, it was decided that Mr. Turkenburg would serve as Chairman and Mr. Meshref as Rapporteur of the Sub-group on Energy and that Mr. Matuszak would serve as Chairman and Mr. Kankhulungo as Rapporteur of the Sub-group on Water Resources.

D. Agenda and organization of work

12. At its 1st meeting, on 5 April, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/C.14/1999/1.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee orally amended the provisional agenda as follows:

(a) A new subparagraph was added to agenda item 5, which read:

"(e) Coordination of activities of the organizations in the United Nations system in the field of energy";

(b) Two subparagraphs were added to agenda item 6, which read:

"(a) Contribution to the preparatory process for the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development on integrated planning and management of land resources and on agriculture";

"(b) Review of coordination of activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of freshwater resources".

E. Documentation

14. The list of documents before the Committee at its first session will be annexed to the final report.